



MEETING LOG

SUBJECT: ASTM F15.09 Freestanding Climbers for Children Under 24 Months Task Group Meeting

FY 26 OP PLAN ENTRY: Playground Equipment (Home)

DATE OF MEETING: 06/09/2026

LOCATION OF MEETING: Virtual

CPSC STAFF FILING MEETING LOG: Andy Newens (ESMC)

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CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Andy Newens (ESMC), Daniel Taxier (ESMC), Celestine Kish (ESHF)

NON-CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Contact ASTM for a list of non-CPSC attendees.

Summary of Meeting:

The Freestanding Climbers for Children Under 24 Months Task Group (TG) was formed under the ASTM F15.09 Home Playgrounds subcommittee. In recent years, freestanding climbers (also called “triangle climbers”) for toddlers have seen increased use in the home, bringing an increased rate of injuries or potential injuries such as head entrapment and impact from falls or products collapsing. There is currently no voluntary standard (VS) that adequately addresses the hazards to infants and toddlers posed by these types of climbers. An initial draft of a proposed new standard was adapted from ASTM F2373-24 *Standard Consumer Safety Performance Specification for Public Use Play Equipment for Children 6 Months through 23 Months*.

TG leadership has transitioned from Clarence Mow to Khalisa Phillips. The TG reviewed the edits made to the proposed draft standard (Draft F) since the last meeting on May 4, 2026. Group members discussed the following topics:

- The organization of the standard. Consensus was to keep it as is, following the other playground standards. It will be considered if this format (vs. juvenile products standards) is helpful to testing labs.
- Use zone definition and requirements. Group agreed to not define “use zone” as a term and address any use zone requirements under Section 8 marking and labeling. Group needs to give more thought to how to communicate guidance to parents that fall height extends a distance beyond the equipment and incorporate into instructional literature the need to have a space around the equipment free of obstacles.
- Fall height and fall protection – CPSC staff confirmed that even with 18” maximum fall height, protective surfacing would be needed; should consider requiring that a protective mat be provided. The group will possibly look at barrier requirements to prevent falls. Any product with fall height above 18” must not be age-graded for under 24 months.
- Materials/durability/structural integrity requirements. Group decided to add a statement about using materials suitable to the appropriate environment in which the product is used.

TG members were encouraged to review the next proposed draft standard (Draft G, distributed after the meeting) sections on Introduction, Scope, Calibration and Standardization, before the next meeting.

Next Steps:

The TG plans to meet again virtually on August 6th. The next F15.09 subcommittee meeting is scheduled for November 2, 2026, in Jacksonville, FL.